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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON ALTERNATIVE COMMAND STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL-

MILITARY MATTERS

REF: STATE 038574 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADORS SULLIVAN AND MARTIN AND WITH MG MANOR, CO 13TH AF, THE DESIRABILITY OF OUR EXPLORING FUTURE MILITARY COMMAND STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL-MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS IN THIS AREA. ALL AGREE THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE FRUITFUL AND HELP EACH OF US IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS TO WASHINGTON.

2. PENDING ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WE HAVE DISCUSSED CONDUCTING OUR TALKS ON MARCH 6, 7 AND 8. I WILL TRAVEL TO CLARK AFB, MANILA AND SAIGON TO MEET WITH AMBASSADORS SULLIVAN AND MARTIN AND MG MANOR. GENERAL MANOR TELLS ME THAT AIR SUPPORT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER MILITARY MISSIONS BEING PERFORMED IN THE AREA. HE CANNOT, HOWEVER, AUTHORIZE MY TRAVEL AND THAT OF MEM ERS OF MY STAFF WITHOUT FURTHER CLEARANCE.

3. I WOULD BE VERY APPREVIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HELP IN THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT MORE INFORMED AND BETTER EXAMINED ALTERNATIVES WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE COMMAND STRUCTURE AND OUR VERY IMPORTANT POLITICAL-MILITARY
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RELATIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A) AUTHORIZE MY TRAVEL TO THE
PYILIPPINES AND SOUTH VIETNAM FOR THE TALKS, AND B) ASK
OSD TO FORWARD APPROVAL THROUGH USAF CHANNELS FOR PROVISION
OF AIRLIFT SUPPORT BY 13TH AF TO AMBASSADOR KINTNER AND HIS
STAFF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD REG. 4515.13-R.
KINTNER

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